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Krista D. Kauper is the Director of the American Bar Association's Fund for Justice and Education. The ABA Fund for Justice and Education (ABA FJE) is a charitable fund created to support the law-related public service and educational programs of the American Bar Association. The ABA FJE's mission is to generate gifts and grants to support the Association's many programs that strengthen the justice system and ensure access to justice for all.

Ms. Kauper graduated from Vanderbilt University in 1985, with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science and Economics.

Upon graduation from the University of Michigan Law School, Ms. Kauper joined Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in Washington, D.C., where she practiced in the area of corporate and securities law. Four years later, Ms. Kauper joined the Resolution Trust Corporation, where she served as Special Assistant to the General Counsel. In this capacity, she assisted the General Counsel on all legal matters and coordinated activities and materials related to Congressional oversight.

After practicing for eight years, Ms. Kauper changed direction and joined the University of Arizona College of Law, where one of her law school professors, Joel Seligman, had just been appointed Dean. Though her background was as a practicing lawyer, she joined the Law School as the Director of Development and Alumni Relations.

Under the leadership of the Dean, the College of Law conducted what initially was intended to be an $8 million capital campaign. At the end of two years, the campaign successfully had raised commitments of nearly $130 million. The commitment of $100 million from a single donor was at the time the largest individual gift to an American law school.

In 1998, Ms. Kauper joined the American Bar Association in her current position. In her tenure at the ABA, Ms. Kauper has worked to increase awareness of the role of the FJE in the Association, to advise and guide ABA entities in seeking outside funding to support their public service programs, and to cultivate potential donors for the FJE and its important public service programs.